

# OUTTRAY

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### LEAPING WOLF BADGES

Chad John Firkin 1st Uitenhage (SOE)  
Owen Jack Tarr 1st Lorraine  
Karl Neale-Shutte 1st Lorraine  
Cron Meyer 1st Lorraine  
Grant Schipper 1st Newton Park  
Samantha Blazey St Croix  
Tara Hanvey St Croix

### WARRANT ISSUED

Kathleen Douglas PS of 1st Walmer Group

### APPRENTICE OF YEAR 2001 FOR VW OF SA

Timothy Kidson, ATS of 1st Uitenhage (SOE), is serving an Electronics Mechanician apprenticeship at VW of SA.

Timothy was chosen "Apprentice of the Year 2001 for VW of SA" and received his award at a ceremony in Barcelona on 12.09.2002. *Well done, Timothy.*

### POW WOW

Ernie Pike, the Area Commissioner, wishes to thank all the organisers of Pow Wow for their great effort. So many compliments were passed on to our Area. A number of Scouters claimed that this was the best that they have ever seen. They really thought that the gallery was great and as some Scouters put it – "it is beautiful". There were those that said that we could not do it – well you, as a team, proved them wrong. My sincere thanks to you all for the magnificent job you did.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!**

## 45<sup>th</sup> JOTA/JOTI CAMP

Neil O'Brien, the event director for the Jamboree on the Air/Jamboree on the Internet Camp advises that it will be held at the Andrew Rabie School, Perridgevale, Port Elizabeth over the week-end - Friday evening 18 till 20 October 2002. JOTA is a worldwide event. Scout Troops can make ham radio or internet contact with many fellow scouts, not only in South Africa, but in all parts of the scouting world.

Troops have been advised by Neil and the week-end programme has been circulated. You can contact him at 041 3653797 or 083 789 3533. You can also visit the web site at [www.jota.0catch.com](http://www.jota.0catch.com) or email him at [jamza@ananzi.co.za](mailto:jamza@ananzi.co.za)

I have many happy memories of JOTA from as far back as 5th in 1961 or so. Our whole Troop went down to the PE Harbour and aboard the Rosilin Castle.

"Sparks", an old scout from Hamshire, UK had everything ready for us. The very first "sked" was to his old Troop who came through right on time and even though we were not supposed to, we all had a chat to our opposite numbers in the UK. I don't remember many other contacts on that occasion but I do recall many more "massive" JOTAs in the following years. Some where we built our own cubical quad antennas and erected them behind the Scout hall, having hundreds of contacts with scouts in every corner of the world, even on Antarctica.

Support Neil and have just as great a time, most scouts' only experience of our Worldwide Movement.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

08 September	Introduction to Adult Leadership (venue to be announced)
19 September	See-O-Nee, Western (PE)
21 September	AREA Scout Council
21-24 September	Rover SARSI, Durban
22 September	CUBS AREA Training Team
27 September	Cub Fun Day, Butterworth
28-30 September	Region Scout Rally, Central
30 September	Merit Award Applications close at SAHQ
30 September	Financial year-end
30 September	Area census due at SAHQ
01 October	Commissioners' Council, PE
08 October	District Scouters' Council, PE
19 September	Regional AGM, Eastern
19-20 October	JOTA / JOTI, National
26 October	Skilkana for Cubs and Scouts, 1st Uitenhage (SOE)

26-27 October	Swimming Course, Central
30 October	HV Marsh Award entries for Scout Journalism close. Entries to reach SAHQ by this date
02 November	Scout Canoe Race, Humewood, PE
05 November	Commissioners' Council, PE
23 November	AREA AGM
10-21 December	Cedarberg Scout Adventure
11-18 December	2nd Swaziland National Jamboree
20 December	Annual closure - SAHQ
28 Dec-08 Jan	20th World Jamboree, Thailand

06 Jan 2003	SAHQ re-opens
01-11 August 2004	12th World Scout Moot, Taiwan
01-10 August 2007	21st World Scout Jamboree, United Kingdom

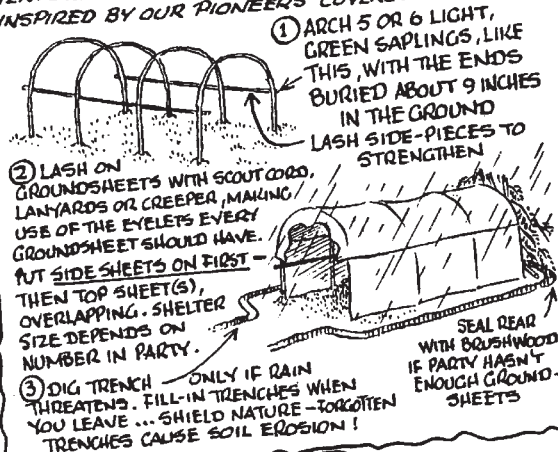
## ITS CAMPING TIME!

Summer is almost upon us - Camping time! Boys, and I suppose girls as well, join scouting because they hear that scouts go camping. Don't disappoint them, start now during your Troop nights to prepare for that exciting camp you are planning. Build gadgets, practise camp cooking, pitch tents to make sure the old Patrol tents are not torn, mend them or have them mended, are there sufficient

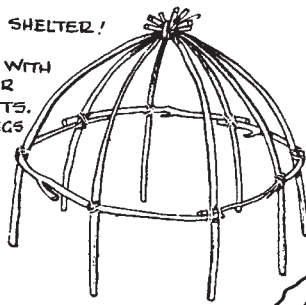
pegs? It's not too early to start planning the programme and to find a camp site. Make sure that everyone can swim if you are planning to camp near water or intend using canoes or boats. A hundred and more things to do to insure a happy and successful camp.

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**SURVIVAL TACTICS! IF YOU GET CAUGHT OUTDOORS WITHOUT TENTS... MAKE A TREKKER SHELTER ... INSPIRED BY OUR PIONEERS' COVERED WAGONS**

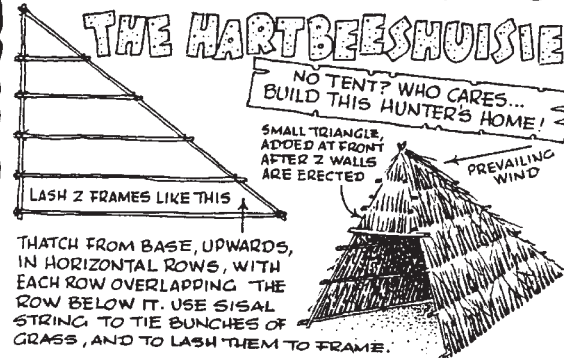


ANOTHER WAY TO RIG A SHELTER! ZULU HUT TYPE OF FRAMEWORK - COVER WITH PLASTIC SHEETING, OR LASH ON GROUND SHEETS. JUST EIGHT LIGHT SAPLINGS STUCK IN GROUND, IN A CIRCLE - THEN DRAWN TO CENTRE AND LASHED, PLUS SIDE PIECES AS SHOWN. SKETCH IS FROM THE FRENCH SCOUT MAGAZINE - "TOUT DROIT".



## THE HARTBEESHUISIE

NO TENT? WHO CARES... BUILD THIS HUNTER'S HOME!



SOUTH AFRICA'S EARLY WHITE HUNTERS MADE THESE "HARTBEESHUISIES" NOT ONLY FOR PERSONAL SHELTER, BUT ALSO TO SHELTER ELEPHANT TUSKS, ANIMAL SKINS, AND OTHER COMMERCIALY VALUABLE SPOILS. FOR A TENTLESS TROOP, IN A STANDING CAMP, "HARTBEESHUISIES" ARE AN ANSWER TO THE TENT PROBLEM, AND A GOOD PIONEERING PROJECT FOR EVERY PATROL. FOR SURVIVAL - IN ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION WHERE WILDWOOD, GRASS OR REEDS ARE AVAILABLE - A "HARTBEESHUISIE" IS PERFECT. IF NO STRING, LASH WITH CREEPER, PLANTS OF GRASS, MONKEY ROPE AND OTHER SUBSTITUTES.

FROM SHELTER TO COOKING GEAR, THE REAL SCOUT CAN MAKE HIS OWN!



## THE BUSHMAN SHELTER

HUNTING GAME, THE BUSHMAN CARRIED A GRASS MAT, ROLLED AROUND A FEW STICKS



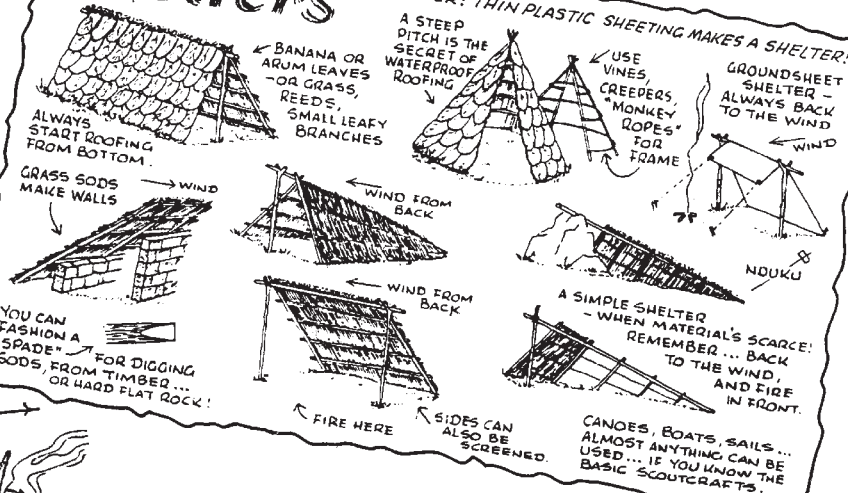
AT NIGHT, HE PUSHED THE STICKS IN THE GROUND AT ANGLE, IN AN ARC, AND TIED THE MAT ON. HE PITCHED IT WITH THE BACK TO THE WIND - MOVING IT IF THE WIND CHANGED DIRECTION. A FIRE IN FRONT KEPT HIM WARM.

WHEN YOU WANT TO SLEEP UNDER THE STARS ON A FINE NIGHT, DRIVE 5 OR 6 STICKS INTO THE GROUND, LIKE THIS

THEN TIE ON A GROUND SHEET, LIKE THIS... AND YOU'VE GOT A BUSHMAN SHELTER. PACK SAND OR STONES HERE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GROUND SHEET, USE BRUSH OR GRASS.

## Shelters

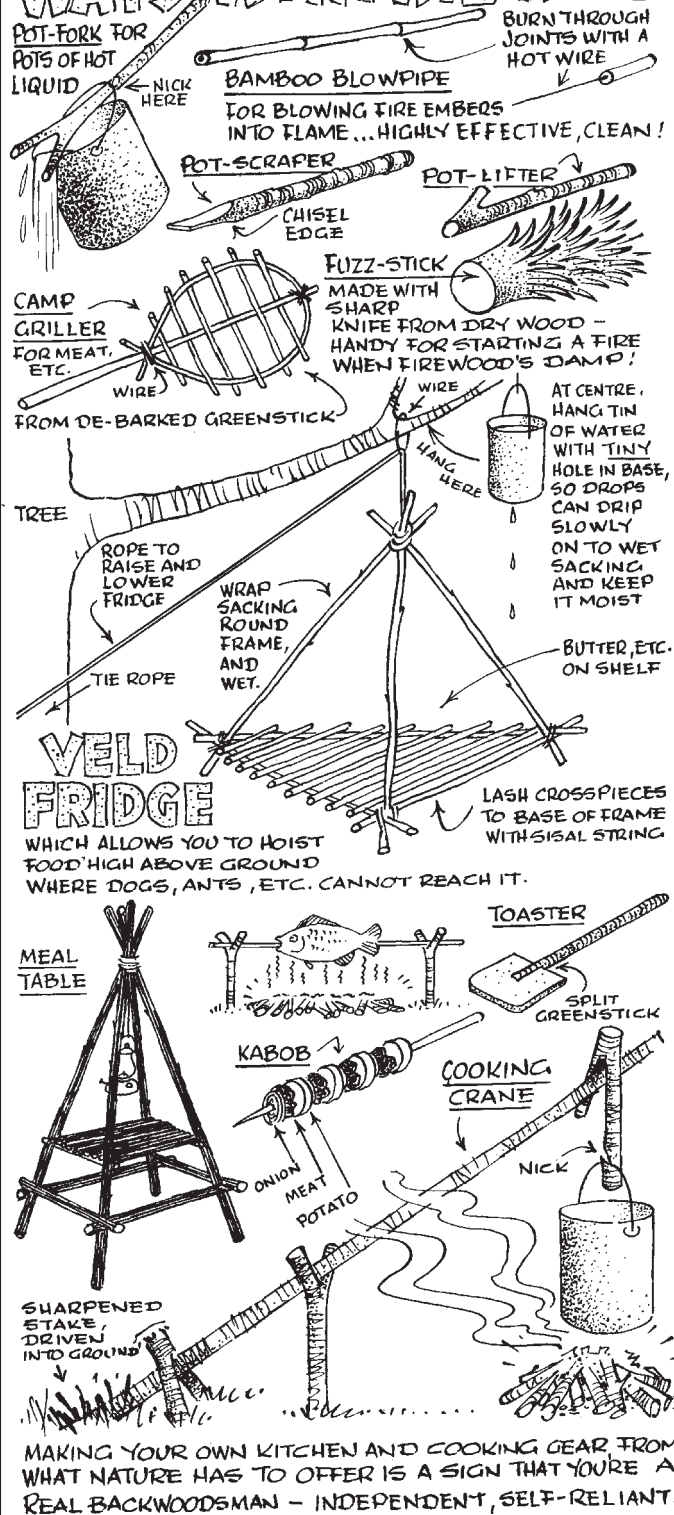
REMEMBER! THIN PLASTIC SHEETING MAKES A SHELTER!



Ack. Veld Lore



## WAYS WITH WILDWOOD



Ack. Veld Lore

**B-P said:-** "Here in this joyous Brotherhood there is a vast opportunity open to all in a happy work . . . that is worthwhile because it gives every man his chance of service for his fellow men and God" 1940

### OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

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<http://come.to/mlitho>

You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader - this can be downloaded over the Internet as well, just follow the links.

## MPUMALANGA SCOUTER RETURNS FROM CAMP IN HOLLAND

Troop Scouter Amon Mavuso, has returned after five weeks voluntary work as an International Camp Staff Member at Scoutcentre Buitenzorg Baarn, The Netherlands. He helped with the Camp Programme, Office work, assisting in the Camp Shop and day-to-day maintenance of the camp-site and buildings. Scoutcentre Buitenzorg is situated in the forests around Baarn, has 14 big camping grounds for groups up to 40 people per site. There are three hostels with a total of 85 beds. Thousands of Scouts use the place for their annual camps. Ack - Mpumalanga Scouting

## CREEPY CRAWLY LION CAMP

Over the first weekend in August, Lion Cubs of the P.E. West District went camping. Wow! What a weekend!! It rained and it rained and then it rained some more. Undaunted the five Creepy Crawly Sixes, Grasshoppers, Scorpions, Caterpillars, Lizards and Spiders set too and built their bivvys and spent most of the first night "sleeping" in them, that is until a very high wind ripped them open and let in the driving rain. By Sunday most of the camping area was under 20 centimetres of water. Nearly all of the programme was held indoors, but in spite of that the "camp" was enjoyed by all. *Cubs, do collect your lost property from the Scout Shop.*



Jarné Bezuidenhout, Jessica Westraadt, Danielle Durandt, Kiesa Tommy and Robyn Waite with the Lizards lashed down bivvy in the background.



The Grasshopper gang hang onto their bivvy to stop it blowing away.



## DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA

Development of Scouting in the Area progresses apace with Adult Courses being held in Butterworth and Gilwood, East London. Pictured below, the new Group formed in Alicedale.



*An Introduction course was held on 30 August for 20 newly recruited Scouters. They eagerly went through all the requirements and skills.*



*"I may be handicapped, but I am very proud of my knotting". A number of the trainees were from St Thomas School for the Deaf. The sign language interpreter had a lot of work to do.*



*A newly formed Group at Alicedale. The Khulani Group boasts 27 cubs and scouts and 11 adult leaders.*

## DONATION OF 30 TENTS

We must thank the donors of thirty large white tents to our Area. We received advice from SAHQ that our Area had been donated these bulky tents and that they were lying for collection in Johannesburg. Andre Bekker, an old Humewood Sea Scout, was contacted at WARD-AFROVAN REMOVERS and within days the tents were in Port Elizabeth, ready for immediate use. Each Region of the Area has been allocated a number of tents for use in Scout & Scouter Training. The Area has awarded Andre a certificate of thanks for help on the Scouting Trail, which now hangs in his business office. If you need a mover! Remember WARD-AFROVAN.



*One of the newly acquired tents being put to good use at a Skills Course in Butterworth.*



*Learning Pioneering Skills during a skills course at Butterworth.*

### Contributions can be:

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